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FACT SHEET

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SEAWAY LANDFILL SITE — TONAWANDA, NEW YORK

Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

Location

- The Seaway Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site is located in the Town of Tonawanda, NY, approximately 10 miles north of downtown Buffalo.

Site History and Project Description

- The Seaway Site property comprises about 100 acres. Referred to as the Seaway Industrial Park, it is owned by the Sands Mobile Park Corporation and Benderson Development Company.
- The Seaway Site is a commercial landfill used for the disposal of various types of wastes from 1930 to 1993.
- Seaway's contamination occurred when Ashland Oil moved material originating at Linde Site but stored at the neighboring Ashland I Site to the landfill.
- Disposal occurred on approximately 90 percent of the site. The property owner capped approximately 67 percent in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- The property owner intentionally left areas of known FUSRAP-related material uncapped. Later investigations showed some FUSRAP material in

capped areas, and some FUSRAP material outside the footprint of the landfill.

Importance

- For the current land use, the risk to human health is below the risk limits promulgated under federal environmental laws; however, elevated levels of radionuclides exist that exceed requirements and limitations promulgated under federal environmental laws.

Consequences

- Potential for long-term, adverse human health effects.
- This site is a hazardous waste landfill; certain future site use may be limited due to the presence of FUSRAP contamination and other hazardous materials.

Project Phase	Estimated Federal Cost	Funding through FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Budget	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Budget
ROD/ Remediation	\$44.2M	\$33.9M	\$10.0M	\$0	\$500k	TBD

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Customers include property owners (Sands Mobile Park/Benderson Development), affected communities and elected leaders, and local, state, and federal environmental and health agencies.

Congressional Interests

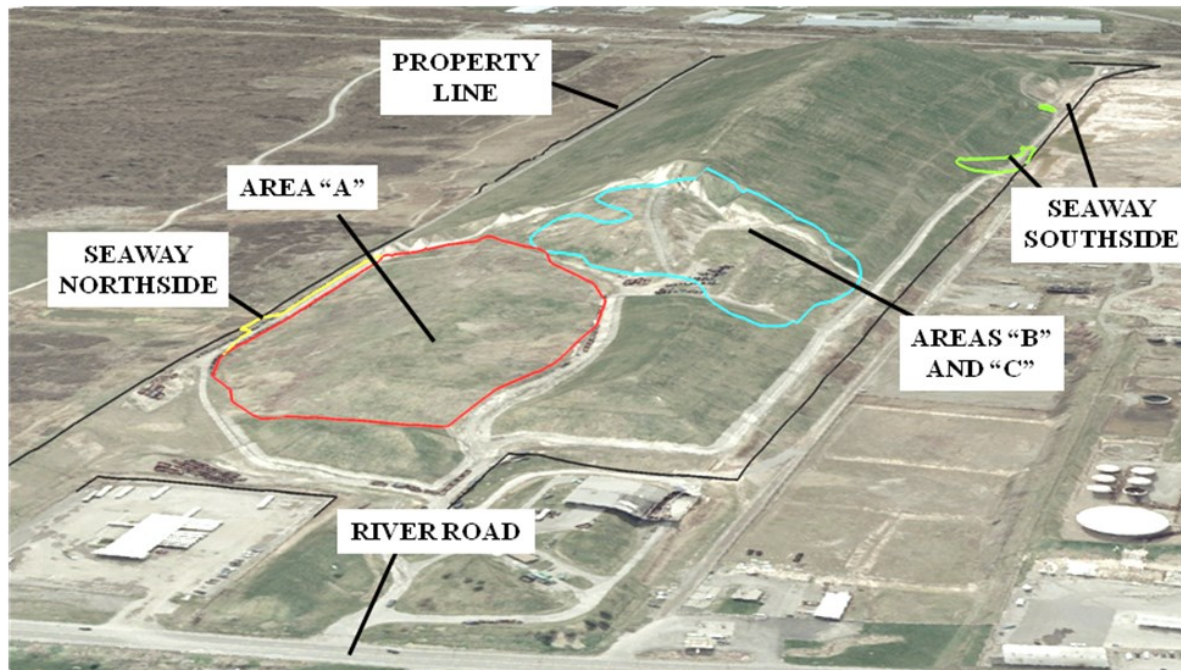
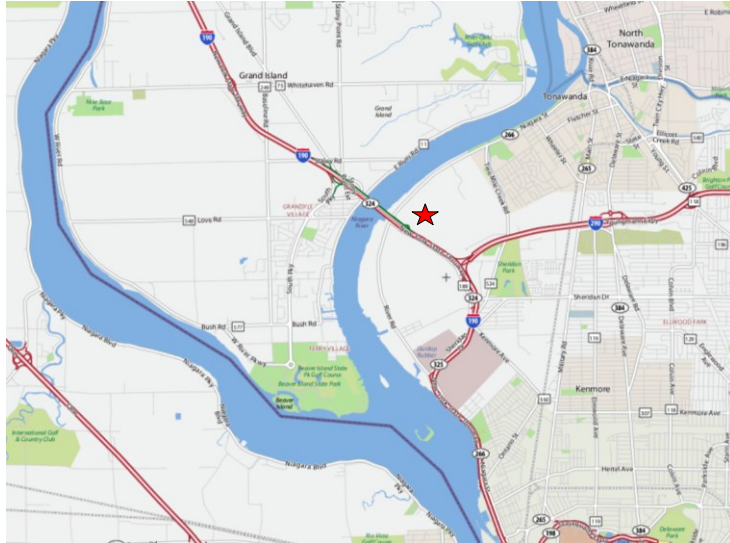
- Representative Brian Higgins D NY-26
- Senator Charles Schumer D NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY

Current Status

- During FY21, LRB completed the acquisition of a design contract to complete the design to cap the remaining open portions of the landfill. Remedial design activities will be completed during FY2022.
- Development of a scope of work and contract to complete the construction of the landfill cap will be awarded upon availability of national program funding.

Issues

- The public and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation do not agree with the selected containment remedy for FUSRAP materials within the Seaway Site.



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